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NAVCOMMSTA MOROCCO SIDI YAHIA MOROCCO

S E C R E T RABAT 1226

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PFOR, MO
SUBJECT: NAVAL SECURITY GROUP DEPARTMENT, NAVAL COMMUNICATION
STATION, MOROCCO

REF: STATE 51757

1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, EMBASSY HAS BEEN KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH NAVCOMMSTA AT SIDI YAHIA TO ENSURE THAT ANY FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN FORCE LEVELS BE PHASED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AVOID POSSIBLE MISINTERPRETATION OF OUR POLITICAL INTENTIONS TOWARD MOROCCO BY MOROCCAN AUTHORITIES. EMBASSY HAS CONSIDERED PROPOSED DRAWDOWN NEXT JUNE OF 23 DOD PERSONNEL AND 31 DEPENDENTS IN NAVAL SECURITY GROUP OPERATION AT SIDI YAHIA IN THIS CONTEXT. WE CONSIDER PROPOSED DRAWDOWN AND TIMING CONSISTENT WITH OUR POLICY INTERESTS IN MOROCCO AND THEREFORE OFFER NO OBJECTION.

2. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE OR REQUIRED
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TO NOTIFY GOM OF THIS PROPOSED REDUCTION. GOM AWARE AT

HIGHEST LEVELS THAT GRADUAL PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS ARE
TAKING PLACE. TO SINGLE THIS SPECIFIC PROPOSAL OUT FOR
SPECIAL NOTIFICATION MIGHT STIMULATE MOROCCAN SPECU-
LATION AND EXAGGERATE IT SIGNIFICANCE. IN PRINCIPLE,
WE PREFER TO SEE SUBJECT OF GRADUAL DRAWDOWN OF DOD
FORCE LEVELS AT SIDI YAHIA AND KENITRA HANDLED IN
CONTEXT OF GENERAL POLITICAL-LEVEL REVIEW OF FUTURE OF
US-MOROCCAN SECURITY RELATIONS RATHER THAN THROUGH INDIVIDUAL
NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES.

3. EMBASSY APPRECIATES CONTINUED WASHINGTON SENSITIVITY
TO POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THIS KIND OF GRADUAL FORCE
REDUCTION.

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